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SUBJ: DUTCH COMMUNISTS AND NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT

- 1. WHILE THIS IS NOT NEW, WE THINK IT WORTH NOTING THAT POSSIBLE COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IS A NON-ISSUE HERE.
- 2. NETHERLANDS COMMUNIST PARTY (CPN), WHICH OCCUPIES SEVEN OUT OF 150 SEATS IN LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT, HAS LONG BEEN ODD MAN OUT IN DUTCH POLITICS. THIS WAS CONFIRMED AGAIN LAST WEEK WHEN SOCIALIST PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL PUBLICLU REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT CPN BE INCLUDED IN LEFT COALITION AFTER ELECTIONSN CHARACTERIZING CPN AS OLIGARCHIC RATHER THAN DEMOCRATIC.
- 3. AFTER YEARS OF KEEPING LONG DISTANCE FROM MOSCOW, CPN HAS BEEN CAUTIOUSLY MOVING TO RESUME DIALOGUE WITH SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES. GENERAL IMPRESSION HERE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT IN DOING SO DUTCH COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY JEALOUS OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND IT IS ASSUMED THEY HAVE BEEN ANYTHING BUT EASY PARTNERS.

4. ISSUE OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN ITALY AND FRANCE IS, OF COURSE, ONE OF WHICH DUTCH POLITICANS ARE VERY AWARE. THEY KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE NOT IN POSITION TO EXERT MUCH INFLUENCE ON COURSE OF EVENTS, AND WE DETECT DISPOSITION AWAY FROM ADDRESSING CONSEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNIST PARTIES IN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS.

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